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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Communication of December 21, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.